Kansas SIEC
Regular Meeting
November 20, 2017

Minutes

The Kansas Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee met in regular session at the Saline County Emergency Operations Center, 255 10th St. Salina Kansas 67401.

Members present. , Robert McLemore, Kerry McCue, Jim Oehm, Steven Zeller, Michelle Abbott, Lt. Col. Bob Stinson, and Darren Miller.
Ellen Werneke, Jonathon York, Dick Heitschmidt, Mark Dodd, and Jay Coverdale called into the conference line.

Others present. Jason Bryant, Craig Divoll, Derek Voorhis, JL Ellis, Adam Chriss, James Lundsted, Lori Alexander.

Call to order. The meeting was called to order by Robert McLemore, Chairperson, at 10:05 with introductions of those present and on the conference bridge.

Minutes. No previous minutes were presented for approval.

Discussion/Action Items.
Jonathan York reported on a meeting concerning communications issues for the US Marshal's office, the FBI and state/local agencies on the KSICS system. The federal agencies would like to utilize KSICS but cannot sign a shared user agreement due to indemnification issues. A possible solution may be for an agency or agencies sponsoring the federal users. Jim Ohm and Steven Zeller will pass along the request to their chain of command for review and consideration. Bob McLemore suggested this may be the time to address the state to state interoperability issues as well. Possible legislation or executive order were identified as possible solutions. Jonathon York will report this to the Adjutant General to explore possible options. Jason Bryant, Jim Ohm and Jonathan York will discuss further after the SIEC meeting to assure all information is correct. Ellen Werneke noted the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has granted federal users access including system keys for programming on the Metropolitan Area Regional Radio System (MARRS) with great success.
Jason Bryant discussed an issue brought up by AT&T concerning North American Industry Classification System or NAICS codes required for access for the FirstNet system. AT&T states that anyone with a code must granted access and as AT&T has decided not to validate users, they are wanting guidance. After discussion, Jason will contact AT&T to gather further information. This led to a conversation on governance and guidance from the SIEC concerning public safety broadband and FirstNet. Dick Heitschmidt asked if a meeting with FirstNet and AT&T could help to clear up who has authority on these issues along with the roles and responsibilities of each entity. Jason Bryant stated a conference call meeting was scheduled for November 29 and asked if anyone would join the call or submit questions to be answered. Mark Dodd and Bob McLemore agreed to attend.

Jason Bryant reported that the contract with AT&T had been finalized due to differences in form versions used by the Department of Administration. Jason will notify the members when the contract has been finalized.

Special Committee Update

Jay Coverdale reported a number of meetings had been held in the past month exploring the roles and responsibilities of the SIEC for implementation of FirstNet. Jason Bryant will send a full detailed report to all members. The committee recommended the implementation of FirstNet is best broken into a phased approach.

1. Device deployment. Device deployment could begin immediately at the discretion of public safety agencies.
2. Introduction of applications. The committee was concerned with interoperability of applications. The creation of an App Review Committee is recommended with the SIEC and 911 Coordinating Council to ensure that applications meet both interoperability and interfacing requirements within 911 call centers. Bob McLemore asked about apps from other states. It was agreed those would need to be vetted as well.
3. Integration between FirstNet and 911 call handling solutions. The 911 Coordinating Council should provide a leadership role in the integration by working directly with AT&T and the SIEC.

Timelines were discussed for each phase. Phase 1 should be ready now, phase 2 could be 6 to 12 months out with phase 3 18 months or longer.

Jason Bryant discussed the progress of the current SLIGP grant. This grant will end January 2018. Craig Divoll and Derek Voorhis will end employment on December 29, 2017 with Bob Brown closing out the grant. The Office of Information and Technology Services (OITS) will not administer the future SLIGP grant for governance. The Adjutant General department has stated they will administer the next grant. Jason thanked Craig and Derek for their service and pointed out they had both exceeded expectations. Craig and Derek expressed thanks to all members for the cooperation and assistance gathering information as well as the needed guidance for completing their tasks.

The next SLIGP grant will be ready to be submitted by the end of November. The grant purpose is for Governance issues concerning FirstNet with a project manager position expected to be hired next March. There is the possibility to use part time employees for support as well as contract assistance. There are too many unknowns at this time until the grant is finalized, submitted and approved. Michelle Abbot stated that 911 Coordinating Council has used Kansas University to develop a portal to register agencies and users. Possibly something similar for the SLIGP grant could be done. Jim Lundsted was asked to check with other states about strategies.

Lunch Presentation

James Lundsted gave a brief presentation during the working lunch discussing recent DHS-OEC activities and programs. Technical Assistance programs including Incident Tactical Dispatch (INTD), Radio Operator (RADO) and Incident Communications Center Manager (INCM) were detailed. Kansas has hosted the Incident Communications Center Manager course this year with great success and will host the INTD and RADO courses next year. Jason Bryant reported on the recent COMMEX completed in October. Three COML and three COMT trainees participated to attempt completion of Position Task Books. Plans are underway to host another COMMEX next spring.

SCIP UPDATE
Jason Bryant reported another Technical Assistance request would be to update the current SCIP. A time and place is yet to be determined. Jason asked members to consider who would be the best audience to update the SCIP considering PSBN.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be scheduled for a conference call at 10am on December 18. Jason Bryant will forward conference bridge information with a calendar request.
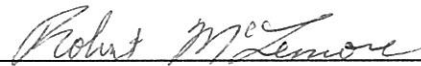
Adjourn. With no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:27.

Respectfully submitted,

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